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1. Bulgaria has proposed the exchange of all Yugoslav escapees to Bulgaria for all Bulgarian escapees to Yugoslavia since the Tito-Cominform rift in 1948. 25X1

2. As of 18 June, the two governments were discussing the Bulgarian proposal. Yugoslavia wants to exchange "all escapees who have been sentenced by a court in either the country of origin or of refuge", and desires custody of certain members of the Yugoslav foreign service who defected in 1948. Hadji-Pasov, former counselor in Sofia, is the leader of this group. Bulgaria has indicated its willingness to surrender Pasov.⁴

3. Yugoslavia wants prior agreement on a prepared list of escapees to be exchanged by the two countries. The question of whether the exchange will be made on the basis of one Yugoslav escapee for one Bulgarian or whether Yugoslav escapees and defectors will be accorded greater weight is under discussion.

4. Yugoslavia has no intention of forcing those escapees not guilty of crimes to return to the satellites, but believes that "when escapees hear of the Bulgar-Yugoslav agreement many may decide to return voluntarily. Many escapees are presently corresponding with satellite missions in Belgrade and are being invited by these missions to return home".

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25X1 1. Comment: This probably refers to Hadzhipanzov, fnu. According to a Yugoslav radio broadcast on 30 January 1950, Hadzhipanzov, fnu, Moca Popov, Radomir Andric and Ivkov, fnu, are the leaders of the Yugoslav "political emigres" in Sofia.

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